AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 13 and ending on line 6 of page 13 as follows:

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When the Create Path request arrives at node 230 (Node 1.7) 230, the last node in the specified path, Node 1.7 sends a Change Target request to node 200 (Node 1.6), node 200 (Node 1.6) being the source node of the VP. "Node 1.7" 230 does not forward the Create Path request since there are no other entries in the path. Upon receiving the Change Target request from node 230 (Node 1.7), node 200 (Node 1.6) formats and sends a Restore Path request to node 200 (Node 1.6) node 230 (Node 1.7).

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